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Neal Rueger

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MICROMACHINING USING A  
MAGNETIC FIELD AND PLASMA  
ETCHING

Examiner: A. K. Alanko

COMMENT ON EXAMINER'S STATED REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance, Applicant makes the following comment. Applicant generally agrees with the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance. However, Applicant believes that additional reasons for patentability exist as well based on limitations and combinations of limitations not commented upon by the Examiner, including limitations found in depending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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